

LAWS OF STATE AND A. A. U. DISREGARDED

Boys Club Stages Professional
Boxing Without License and
Rings in a Battle Royal.

STUMPF ACTS AS REFEREE

Head of Registration Committee
Helps Break Amateur Rules—
K. O. Brown Star of Show.

Laws of the State of New York as well as of the Amateur Athletic Union were disregarded at the wrestling tournament of the Boys' Club held on Tuesday night. The New York State Athletic Commission will look to the A. A. U. to set the matter right, while the latter body has no less a person to hold responsible than J. W. Stumpf, the chairman of the registration committee of the Metropolitan Association.

If the Boys' Club were looking for trouble, the management scarcely could have gone further than it did. In the first place it violated the State law by holding boxing bouts without a license from the State. Even if a license had been procured the rules of the commission still would have been broken by the holding of a battle royal. To complete the arrangement the A. A. U. does not sanction the meeting of amateurs where professionals compete or exhibit, much less the elevating spectacle of a battle royal.

Frank S. ONeill, chairman of the State Athletic Commission, said yesterday that the Boys' Club had no license to hold boxing bouts and that an explanation would be asked from the A. A. U. as to why this club was allowed to put on bouts with professionals taking part. Under the Frawley law the Amateur Athletic Union is recognized in so far as all amateur bouts are concerned. In the State law, under the jurisdiction and actions of the A. A. U., this, however, does not give any amateur club the right to hold professional bouts. The New York A. C., Crescent A. C., and other clubs which hold professional bouts for the entertainment of their members have to receive a license from the State Athletic Commission the same as any club organized for the express purpose of holding boxing matches.

For the competition on Tuesday night the Boys' Club had advertised wrestling bouts at several weights. Some did not fill and the entries in others were so light that the programme was padded with a series of boxing bouts in which professionals were the contestants. The wonder is that J. W. Stumpf, who was the referee, should have allowed these to be put on. As chairman of the registration committee it is Mr. Stumpf's duty to see that the rules are not violated.

Not one person than Knockout Brown was one of the participants. He went the first round against Young Honz alone. Then, to give a little more excitement to the fray, the referee, Jack Denning, joined in and the affair became a battle royal. Several more professionals appeared in the ring before the night's sport concluded.

The two miles race between Hansen Kolehmainen and Abel Kiviat at the games of the Fourth Company, Thirteenth Regiment, next Saturday night will be only the beginning of a series of races to determine who is the best man in the country at this distance. Kramer, the champion at the distance, was asked to enter in the race next Saturday, but after a little discussion he declined, stating his contention that he would meet the winner.

Kiviat, head of this declaration only last night and quick as a flash replied that, win or lose next Saturday, he would run the Long Islander two miles if a race could be arranged. As a matter of fact Kiviat is favorite for next Saturday's contest, for the critics were disappointed with the showing made by Kolehmainen in what looked to be a public trial in the medal race at the Pastime games last Saturday.

Should Kolehmainen regain his form and come out on top against Kiviat the public will not have to wait long for a decisive test. The Finn has entered the two mile run at the games of the Milrose A. C. to help the team defend its supremacy, which he will do with great satisfaction when he meets the winner.

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